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## Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

### CAPTURE 2 BOATS

Paris, Nov. 28.—The French command tonight announced two German cargo boats, the 4,827-ton Santa Fe, and the Trisels, 6,000 tons, had been captured at sea by French warships and brought into French ports.

### CITY HAS BLACKOUT

Asheville, Nov. 28.—All electric power in this city was cut off at 11:16 o'clock tonight when employees of the Carolina Power and Light company walked out on strike. All available policemen and firemen were mobilized for emergencies. The electrical workers struck when their demands for a closed shop were refused, it was reported.

### 10-YEAR-OLD JUROR

Antonio, Tex., Nov. 28.—Charles Joseph Gaffney, 10, is a fourth-grader in school but he thinks he would make a first rate juror. The county must think so, too. He has been summoned for jury service four times in six years—most recently as a venireman on the panel to try Mayor Maury Maverick on poll tax charges. The court excused Charles, who didn't like it.

### CLAMOR FOR RELIEF

Cleveland, Nov. 28.—Police and firemen kept a close watch today on crowds demanding relief orders at Cleveland's six district stations. There was a fist fight and an arrest; otherwise the situation was tense but quiet. A group of the relief recipients had told Mayor Harold H. Burton last night they would obtain food "on our own authority" if necessary. The mayor, who said Cleveland faced a \$700,000 deficiency in aiding the needy through December, declared no one would be allowed to starve.

### RATES ARE LOWERED

Raleigh, Nov. 28.—A new schedule of casualty insurance rates for automobiles, which will mean reductions for private passenger cars not driven more than 7,500 miles annually, was announced today by State Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney. The new schedule supersedes one which became effective November 1 and is retroactive to that date. The first schedule was cancelled because of the difficulty in classifying cars, since a study showed the new rates actually would have been higher for most motorists. Under the new system, private passenger cars not used in business and not customarily driven more than 7,500 miles a year will get lower rates. The cars in that classification may be driven by two drivers only and neither of the drivers may be younger than 25.

### CHAMBERLAIN SPEAKS

London, Nov. 28.—Prime Minister Chamberlain told the first war session of parliament today that Britain did not enter the conflict against Germany "with any vindictive purpose" and disclaimed any intention of imposing upon the foe "a vindictive peace." The prime minister spoke after King George opened the session with a speech assuring the British empire that the royal navy was keeping "free and open the high-ways of the sea" despite mounting losses to British shipping. Chamberlain declared the British-French blockade against German exports, to become effective next Monday, would do the least possible injury to neutrals "consistent with the purpose of stopping German exports."

## Cycle Man Run Over By Auto

Oliver Roberts, 62-year-old citizen of the Cycle community, was being treated at the Wilkes hospital yesterday for injuries received Tuesday night when he was run over by an automobile. Roberts said he was standing at Tom Mathis' service station when a car driven by a Mr. Johnson, of Wilkesboro, route two, backed into him, knocked him down and the rear wheel not only ran over him going back but also going forward. He sustained a broken leg and other injuries but his condition is not considered critical.

## T. A. Sponsor Of Picture On Tuesday

The North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association will sponsor the showing of the picture entitled "Stanley Livingstone" at the Orpheum Theatre on Tuesday afternoon and night. Patronage will be appreciated.

## Unexpected Check Is Received By North Wilkesboro

### City Gets Refund Payment Of Over \$2,000 From Highway Commission

North Wilkesboro has received an early "Christmas gift"—a check in the sum of \$2,061.91.

City officials did not know the city was due or going to receive that amount until the check arrived and it was very much a surprise.

It represents a refund from the state highway and public works commission on funds paid by the city for resurfacing streets here in 1936 and 1937, the accompanying letter said.

It happened this way: The estimated cost for street work was \$12,000 and street maintenance funds due to city by the state in the amount of \$1,861.97 were applied on the cost. The city put up the balance of the cost, which was \$10,738.03. The total actual cost of the work, the chief engineer of the state highway commission said, was \$10,538.09. In other words, the unexpected check represented the difference between actual and estimated cost.

The letter explained that officials regretted the long delay in making the refund but that it had just been overlooked.

## Mayor Endorses Seal Sale Drive

### Asks Cooperation Of People In Campaign To Raise Funds For Prevention

The approach of the holiday season once again brings the simple, direct appeal of Christmas Seals to the citizens of North Wilkesboro.

To protect homes from the tragedy caused by the dread ravages of tuberculosis is the never-ending objective of the Christmas Seal campaign. In the final analysis, ours is a community of homes and what could be more vital than the unceasing vigilance and protection of these homes.

As Mayor of North Wilkesboro, it gives me great pleasure and a sense of fulfilling official duty to endorse wholeheartedly the purchase of Christmas Seals as a method of raising funds for the fight against tuberculosis. As Mayor and as a private citizen I hope that all our citizens will buy as many seals as possible and that every greeting card and gift package going forth from our community will carry this decoration, attesting that North Wilkesboro is doing its part in a great drive.

R. T. McNIEL, Mayor of North Wilkesboro.

## Interest In Home Lighting And Decoration Contest Is Growing

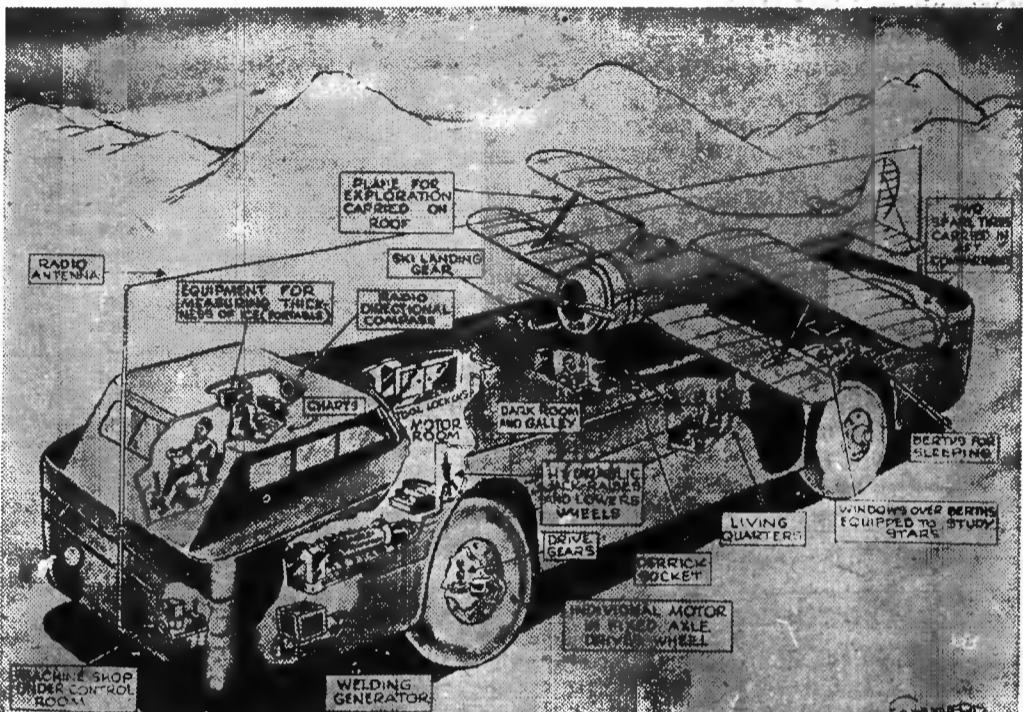
Much interest has been shown since the announcement this week that The Journal-Patriot and the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club will sponsor a Christmas home and lawn decorations contest for the coming holiday season.

A total of \$20 in cash prizes will be given by The Journal-Patriot for the most artistically decorated homes in the Wilkesboros and vicinity and many entrants are expected.

A committee of competent judges will be named to decide the winners.

Only those who fill out an entry blank and bring or send it to The Journal-Patriot office by December 15 will be eligible to compete for the prizes. As entries are made the contestants will be

## Byrd's 'Penguin Special' to Get Antarctic Workout



Diagrammed here is the \$150,000 snow cruiser designed by Dr. Thomas Poulter at Chicago's Armour Institute for Admiral Richard E. Byrd's exploration trip to the Antarctic. It averages 10 miles an hour, and in its 27-ton body carries enough fuel for a non-stop New York-San Francisco trip and back. It carries a plane on its back. Each wheel has a separate motor and tires are changed by raising the axle internally, letting the body rest on the snow.

## North Wilkesboro Council Juniors Names Officers

### Good Program Rendered In Meeting Held On Tuesday Night Here

North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order in meeting this week elected officers for the first six months of 1940 and enjoyed a good program featuring a discussion of the national Junior Orphans home at Tiffin, Ohio. The discussion was led by Mr. Hegewald, a former resident of Tiffin and now a member of the North Wilkesboro council. The program was in charge of D. E. Elledge and A. A. Cashion.

O. K. Pope was elected councilor and the other newly elected officers who will assume their duties in the council on January 1 are as follows: Charles Leckie, vice councilor; C. A. Canter, recording secretary; Paul Hutchens, assistant recording secretary; C. G. Day, financial secretary; Bank of North Wilkesboro, treasurer; J. M. Eller, conductor; A. G. Anderson, warden; A. A. Casidion, inside sentinel; B. F. Bentley, outside sentinel; B. F. Bentley, A. A. Cashion and E. A. Shook, trustees; H. L. Mechem, chaplain; D. E. Elledge, assistant chaplain.

Council members were well pleased with the amount of the annual Thanksgiving offering for the Junior Order orphans' home at Lexington.

## Coca-Cola Advertising Contract Is Placed

The North Wilkesboro Coca-Cola Bottling Co., through its president and manager, W. A. McNiel, has placed one of the largest contracts for advertising with The Journal-Patriot the paper has ever carried. The contract calls for regular insertions of attractive Coca-Cola advertisements throughout the year 1940, and is in keeping with the company's progressive advertising policy.

## Christmas Savings Club Checks Being Mailed Members

The Northwestern Bank today mailed out checks to all members of its Christmas Savings Club for the year 1939.

The bank announces that its 1940 Christmas Savings Club will open on December 4th.

The Savings Club provides a systematic way to save for holiday buying and bank officials will be glad to explain the plan to those wishing to join this year's club at any time.

## Makes Payment On Bonded Debt

Meeting its obligations promptly and without default, the city of North Wilkesboro today paid \$10,976 on its bonded debt.

Of this amount \$7,000 represented retired bonds and the remainder was interest payments.

The city has never defaulted on its obligations and has a most excellent credit rating among municipalities.

Lighting and decorations, people are urged by electrical authorities to refrain from use of flimsy and inflammable materials.

Prospective contestants are urged to fill in the entry blank which appears elsewhere on this page.

## License Plates To Go On Sale Here On Friday

### Motorists Asked To Purchase Tags Early And Avoid The Rush

Sale of the new 1940 automobile license plates for cars and trucks will go on sale at the local office of the Carolina Motor club in the Poindexter building Friday morning, December 1. It was learned here today from J. C. McDiarmid, branch office manager.

Under the law purchasers may attach the new plates any time before midnight, December 31, but that the operation of cars after that time on old 1939 tags will not be permitted. He said there has been no change in the cost of plates this year and car owners are asked to preserve the registration cards which are now being mailed and have them with them when they apply for their new plates in order to prevent delay.

North Wilkesboro city tags, which will be the same "key to the Blue Ridge Parkway" design as last year and matching the state tags in color, will also be sold by the Carolina Motor club. City car and truck owners are asked for the sake of convenience to purchase the city tags at the same time state plates are bought.

Car and truck owners are urged to purchase 1940 plates as early as possible in December in order to avoid the rush during the last days of the month.

## Lions Club Football Team To Play Wilkesboro All-Stars December 6th

Football thrills for local fans are not over this year by any means, according to information gained today.

The coming big game will be a benefit affair between the North Wilkesboro Lions club team and a Wilkesboro team composed of high school and former school and college players.

Last week fans had an opportunity to see the local school teams in action and in the benefit game on December 6, three o'clock, the Wilkesboros' rivalry will be played all over again with former stars in the lineup.

The game will be played to raise funds to carry out some of

## Federal Court Continues Work On Big Docket

### Several Liquor Tax Law Offenders Got Sentences During The Week

With federal court in Wilkesboro midway of the second week of the term, many cases yet remain on the docket although a large number have been tried. Practically all of the cases have been for violation of the federal liquor tax laws.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes late Wednesday afternoon adjourned court until Friday morning, when work on the docket will continue.

Cases tried this week follow: Flake Gregory, \$100 fine and 15 months in Chilli-cothe reformatory.

Lee Gregory, \$100 fine and year and a day Chilli-cothe.

Seymour Holloway, \$100 fine and 18 months Chilli-cothe.

Adam Wiles, temporary probation.

Van Sidden and Glenn Sidden, fines of \$100 each and year in Chilli-cothe.

Ernest Macemore, 15 months Chilli-cothe.

Ernest Mathis, year and a day Chilli-cothe.

Ransom Harris, 15 months Chilli-cothe.

Lester Prevette, judgment suspended until next term.

Carl Pardue, judgment suspended until next term.

Robert Garfield Lawrence, two years probation.

Conoly Holbrook, two years probation.

William Riley Johnson, 12 months probation.

Tom Settle Love, \$100 fine.

Odell Holbrook, 18 months Chilli-cothe.

Frank Johnson, three years probation.

Monroe Mathis and Albert Mathis, verdict of guilty.

## Lions Club Has Basketball Team

### All Star Group To Play Leading Teams In This Section Of State

The North Wilkesboro Lions club will be sponsor of the all star basketball team in North Wilkesboro, it was learned here today from club officials.

Practice began on Monday night with nine players out but it is expected that at least a dozen former high school and college players will be in the squad.

North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium will be used for the home games and the schedule committee composed of W. O. Absher, Blair Gwyn and H. V. Overcash hopes to schedule engagements with the leading teams in western North Carolina, including a number of small college quints.

## American Legion And Auxiliary In District Meeting

### Held Here Tuesday Night; State Officers Are The Guests Of Post

Fifteenth district of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion and Auxiliary met Tuesday night in the ballroom of Hotel Wilkes with Wilkes Legion Post number 125 and the local Auxiliary as hosts.

Towns having representatives at the meeting were Mooresville, Statesville, Taylorsville, Boone and West Jefferson, in addition to a good representation of the local post and Auxiliary.

The meeting was in charge of Frank Johnson, of this city, committeeman of the 15th district. L. M. Nelson, commander of the Wilkes post, and Mrs. R. G. Finley, Auxiliary president here, welcomed the guests and response was by Miss Aurelia Adams, of Newton, secretary-treasurer of the Department Auxiliary. Miss Adams was a resident of North Wilkesboro during the term of Mrs. W. R. Absher as department president.

In a splendid talk, Mrs. Weaver Mann, of Newton, department president of the Auxiliary, emphasized the fact that libraries are much needed in the state for after teaching children and adults to read not enough good books are provided for them to continue their education. She further said that promoting of more and better libraries is a worthwhile undertaking for the Auxiliary. She also made a strong plea for rehabilitation.

Mrs. George Bostain, of China Grove, area chairman, made a short talk. Mrs. J. W. Hendrix, of Statesville, department committeewoman for the district, introduced presidents of chapters in the district, Mrs. W. R. Absher, of this city, a past department president, and Mrs. A. F. Kilby, also of this city, vice committeewoman.

Junius Rose, of Goldsboro, North Carolina Department commander, was the principal speaker of the evening and said in his address that although the Legion in the past had been called a warlike organization because it advocated armament adequate for national defense, people now are beginning to see the advantage of such a stand and are joining wholeheartedly with the Legion. He also said that he felt that the state should assume the responsibility for the education of boys and girls of veterans at the death of their parents, in so doing, he said, the citizenship of the state would be maintained on a higher level and loyalty to our flag and country could be assured. Being an educator himself and connected with E. C. T. C. and schools of his county, he expressed deep interest in education. His address was described by hearers as being both interesting and inspiring as he urged the making and keeping of America the most desirable country of the world.

Among the distinguished guests and visitors at the meeting were vice Department Commander P. G. Wright, of West Jefferson; U. S. Marshal W. T. Dowd, of Sanford, a former head of the 40 and 8; Mr. Reece, of Philadelphia, a former district commander in his state; A. W. Horton, former resident of this city and now adjutant of the Carpenters, California, post.

The program was interspersed with quartet numbers by Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. Tal Barnes, John K. Blackburn and Russell Hodges, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. A. E. Kilby.

Following the turkey dinner with all the "fixins" symbolic of (Continued on page eight)

## ENTRY BLANK HOME DECORATION CONTEST

Name .....

Address .....

Fill in and leave at The Journal-Patriot office not later than five p. m. on December 15